Supreme Court Order. The Group of Ministers (GOM) discussed the Supreme Court's Order dated 10-3-2003 and it was felt that for better clarity, the opinion of Department of Legal Affairs may be solicited in this matter. The Department has obtained the opinion of Department of Legal Affairs and the same has been forwarded to the GOM for its consideration.

(d) and (e) The Department has constantly been making efforts to seek the decision of the GOM for early finalization of the Pharma Policy. Since, the final decision on the issue of Pharma Policy can only be taken after GOM takes a decision in this regard, this Department is not in a position to comment upon the likely timeframe for finalization of the policy.

Child mental healthcare

*170. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has agreed to accord priority to child mental healthcare;

(b) whether in the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) document, the Commission has pointed out that there is currently no budgetary allocation for child and adolescent mental healthcare;

(c) if so, what is the total amount of funds the Planning Commission has agreed to provide to the States during the next year for this purpose; and

(d) to what extent it will be helpful in meeting the child mental healthcare?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission has agreed to accord priority to child mental healthcare in the 11th Five Year Plan. Allocation for National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) in the 11th Five Year Plan is Rs.1000 crore. There is no State-wise allocation of funds under NMHP. Funds under various components of the Programme are released to the State Governments as per the approved pattern of assistance based upon the proposals received from them.

The Government has proposed to restrategise NMHP during the 11th Five Year Plan to extend District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) to more districts in the country which will, *inter alia*, address the basic issues and services related to child and adolescent mental healthcare. These include life skills training in schools, counselling services in schools and colleges, early detection and treatment of child and adolescent mental health problems. In addition, mental health problems of out of school children and adolescents are proposed to be addressed in collaboration with NGOs/public private partnership.

CAG report on disaster management preparedness in railways

*171. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways seriously lack in disaster management preparedness as per CAG's latest report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of trained manpower and proper communication equipment and trains are not equipped with rescue and relief system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Indian Railways do not have any serious or system deficiency in disaster management preparedness though few location specific deficiencies on areas of emergency preparedness, post incident response and other safety and security issues have been pointed out in the Performance Audit Report (No.PA 8 of 2008) of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2007 on Disaster Management in Indian Railways. The disaster management efforts of the Indian Railways have been viewed in isolation in the report which is not appropriate as it is the responsibility of all the stake holders to share their expert resources to deal with all types of disasters including those affecting railways. The present and the latest concept of disaster management in India emphatically lay stress on participation by all the stake holders and integration of resources available with all the stake-holders has been the major thrust envisioned in the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. There is no shortage of trained manpower, proper communication equipment and rescue and relief equipment on trains. Accident Relief Medical vans, Accident Relief Trains, High capacity breakdown cranes and other equipment have been provided at different places for expeditious restoration of traffic and immediate relief to passengers.

Institutional credit to agriculture sector

†*172. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target to provide institutional credit worth Rs.2,80,000 crore to the agriculture sector was set for current financial year;

(b) if not, what was the amount;

(c) whether Government has obtained information concerning credit given to agriculture sector from June to the end of September this year; and

(d) if so, the total volume thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As per the information made available by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the total credit flow to agriculture sector for the period 01 June, 2008 to 30th September, 2008 is Rs.81,363.62 crore.

Steps to increase production of oilseeds and pulses

†*173. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi